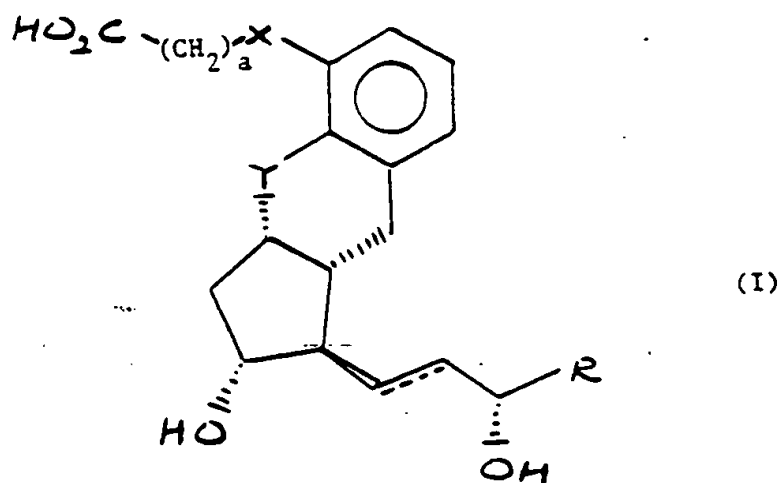


ABSTRACTCompounds for use in medicine

The present invention is concerned with methods for the prophylaxis, treatment and diagnosis of pulmonary hypertension which comprise the administration of an effective amount of a compound of formula (I)

TIOX



P1 wherein *a* is an integer of from 1 to 3;

P1,13 *X* and *Y*, which may be the same or different, are selected from -O- and $13\text{-CH}_2\text{-}$;

P1,13 *R* is $-(\text{CH}_2)_5\text{R}^1$ wherein R^1 is hydrogen or methyl, or *R* is cyclohexyl, or

P1,13,57 *R* is $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}_2\text{C}\equiv\text{CCH}_3$; and

P1 the dotted line represents an optional double bond;

P5 or of a physiologically acceptable salt or acid derivative thereof.

PA Medicaments and diagnostic aids for use in the methods of the invention are also within the scope of the invention.